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SUBJECT: MAY 25 CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY 25:

1. JAPANESE DEFENSE COMMITTEE IN OFFING?

AFTER YEARS OF ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE, THE JAPANESE DIET'S LOWER HOUSE MAY SOON ESTABLISH A DEFENSE COMMITTEE, ALBEIT WITH A SHARPLY LIMITED ROLE. NONETHELESS, FOREIGN OFFICE AND DEFENSE AGENCY OFFICIALS WELCOME IT AS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. (TOKYO 7714, CONFIDENTIAL.)

2. CYPRUS: LIKELY POSTPONEMENT OF NICOSIA TALKS.

DENKTASH FUMED AT DE CUELLAR ABOUT GREEK ECONOMIC ACTIONS AGAINST TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND SAID ONAN WILL NOT ATTEND MAY 26 NEGOTIATIONS UNLESS A DANISH SHIP CAPTAIN ARRESTED FOR CALLING AT FAMAGUSTA HARBOR IS RELEASED SOON.

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PAPADOPOULOS SAID THIS ULTIMATUM WOULD MAKE THE CAPTAIN'S RELEASE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT, AND DE CUELLAR HAS POSTPONED THE MAY 26 MEETING. (NICOSIA 1384, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS.)

3. CHRONOLOGY OF ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN IN PAKISTAN:

PROVIDED FOR USE IN SECRETARY VANCE'S UPCOMING MEETING

WITH THE PAKISTANI FOREIGN MINISTER. (ISLAMABAD 5385,
CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS.)

4. FAHMY UNDECIDED WHETHER TO ATTEND CIEC:

BUT HIS AIDE, AMR MUSA, THINKS HE WILL IN THE END
DECIDE TO GO. (CAIRO 8772, CONFIDENTIAL)

5. SOMALIA PROPOSES FEDERATION WITH KENYA.

FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI OF KENYA SAID THAT SIAD BARRE
HAS REVIVED THE OLD IDEA OF FEDERATION WITH KENYA IN
RECENT COMMUNICATIONS. KENYA IS SKEPTICAL, BUT WILLING TO
UPGRADE CONTACTS WITH SOMALIA. KENYA HAS ALSO ASKED
ETHIOPIA TO MEDIATE ITS QUARREL WITH TANZANIA. (NAIROBI
6503,CONFIDENTIAL.)

6. CANADA: LIBERALS BIG WINNERS IN BY-ELECTIONS.

THE RESULTS ARE A BIG BOOST TO TRUDEAU'S LIBERAL PARTY'S
FORTUNES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVES.
(OTTAWA 4228, CONFIDENTIAL)

7. SIGNALS TO CHILE ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

CHARGE BOYATT FEELS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S MEETINGS
WITH THREE "ENEMIES" OF THE CHILEAN REGIME WILL CAUSE
UNRESTRAINED FURY IN SANTIAGO, AND RECOMMENDS THE
DEPUTY SECRETARY SPELL OUT OUR POLICY OBJECTIVES IN
DETAIL IN HIS MAY 26 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR CUAUS.
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(SANTIAGO 4319, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS.)

8. NAMIBIA: PENDING EXECUTION OF NANGOLO.

AMBASSADOR BOWDLER EXPRESSED DEEPEST CONCERN TO FOREIGN
MINISTER BOTHA ABOUT THE DAMAGE THE EXECUTION OF NDUVVU
FILEMON NANGOLO, SCHEDULED FOR MAY 30, MIGHT CAUSE TO
EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE NAMIBIAN ISSUE. SWAPO REGARDS IT AS
A PURELY POLITICAL CASE AND HAS ASKED US TO PERSUADE THE
SOUTH AFRICANS TO STOP THE EXECUTION. (CAPE TOWN 850,
CONFIDENTIAL.)

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